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I leved him not; and yet, now he is gone, I fee! I am alone

Alas! I would not check. For reasons not to love him once I sought, And wearied all my thought To vex myself and him: I now would give My love, could be but live Who lately lived for me, and when he found

'Iwas vain, in holy ground He hid his face amid the shades of death ! Who wasted his for me! but mine returns, And this lorn bosom burns With stifling heat, heaving it up in sleep,

And waking me to weep Tears that had melted his soft heart; for

Wept he as bitter tears! Merciful God!" such was his latest prayer, "These may she never share ! Quieter is his breath, his breast more cold Than daisies in the mold, Where children spell, athwart the churchyard

gate, His name and life's brief date. Pray for him, gentle souls, whoe'er you be, And oh, pray too for me!

DEACON LEE.

Deacon Lee, who was a kindly, silent, faithful, gracious man, was one day waited upon by a restless, ambitious, worldly church member, who was laboring to create uneasiness in the church, and especially to drive away the min-

The deacon came in to meet his visitor, who, after the usual greetings, began to lament the low state of religion, and inquire as to the reason why there had been no revival for the last two or three " Now, what do you think is the cause

of things being dull here?"

The deacon was not ready to give his opinion; and after a little thought frankly answered: "I don't know." "Do you think the church are alive to the work before them?"

"No, I don't." "Do you think the minister fully realizes the solemnity of his work?"

A twinkle was seen in the eye of the troubler in Zion, and taking courage, he Do you think Mr. B. a very extraordinary man?" " No, 1 don't."

"Do you think his sermons in their eyes are held anything wonderfully

Making bold, a rall this encouragement in monosyllabies, he asked:
"Then don't you think we had better lismiss this man and hire another?" deacon started as if shot with "No. I don't!

"Why," cried the amazed visitor, you agree with me in all I have said,

"No, I don't." "You talk so little, sir," replied the questioner, not a little abashed, "that no one can find out what you do mean. "I talked enough once." replied the old man, rising to his feet, "for six praying Christians. Thirty years ago I got my heart humbled, and oridled; and ever since that I've walked noftly before God. I then made vows solemn as eternity; and don't you tempt me to break them.

The troubler was startled at the earnestness of the hitherto silent. ımmovable nan and asked:

"What happened to you thirty years ago?"
"Well, sir, I'll tell you. I was drawn into a scheme just like this of yours, to uproot one of God's servants from the field in which he had planted him. In my blindness, I fancied it a little thing to remove one of the 'stars' thereby my ear could be tickled by more flowing words, and the pews filled with those who turned away from the simplicity of the Gospel. I and the men that led me-for I admit that I was a dupe and a fool-flattered ourselves that we were doing God's service when we drove that holy man from the pulpit and his work, and said we considered his work done in B--, where I then ived. We groaned because there was no rerival, while we were gossiping about and criticising and crushing him, instead of upholding his hands by our efforts and our prayers, the very instrument at

"Well, sir, he could not drag on the chariot of salvation with a half a dozen of us taunting him for hi weakness, heels; he had not the spirit, as we thought, and could not convert men; and bleeding, he fled into a covert to

faithfulness to my wayward sons, which ke long buried seed had now sprung up. But God denied me that relief, that He

twenty five mile ride to see him. It ing was very carefully and neatly drawn was evening when I arrived, and his wife, with the spirit which any woman House boarders are never tired of ought to exhibit toward one who had so wondering audibly what has become of wronged her husband, denied me ad- that provoking stocking. mittance to his chamber. She said (and her words were like arrows to my soul) - 'He may be dying, and the sight of your face might add to his anguish.' Had it come to this, I said to myself, that the man whose labors had, through Christ, brought me into His fold, who had consoled my spirit in a terrible year in which Richard Cromwell sucbereavement, and who had, till designing men alienated us, been to me a brother —that this man could not die in peace with my face before him. 'God pity me!' I cried; 'what have I done?' I confessed my sins to that meek woman, and implored her for Christ's sake to let me kneel before His dying servant, and

receive his forgiveness.
"What did I care then whether the pews by the door were rented or not would gladly have taken his whole family to my home forever, as my flesh and blood; but no such happiness was in

"As I entered the room of the blessed

Christ). But he was unconscious of all around him; the sight of my face had brought the last pang of earth to his troubled spirit. I kissed him brow, and Torturing the Insects that Hop in the Slums I checked him while he spoke; yet could he told him how dear he had been to me. I craved his pardon for my unfaithfulwidow and his fatherless little ones; but his only reply, murmured as if in a to attend to, and one which has no pre-troubled dream, was: "Touch not cedent in the annals of the society. A

> I stayed by him all night, and at daybreak I closed his eyes.
> "I offered his widow a house to live in the remainder of her days; but like a heroine, she said: 'I freely forgive you; but my children, who entered covenant God, and He will care for us.'
> "Well, sir, those dying words sounded
> in my ears from that coffin, and from

> that grave. When I slept, Christ stood before my dream, saying: 'Touch not mine annointed, do my prophets no harm.' These words followed me till I fully realized the esteem in which Christ holds those men who have given up al! for his sake; and I vowed to love them evermore for his sake, even if they are

"And since that day, sir, I-have talked done in a place, I believe God will show the scheme that brought you here; and, from your lips, I shall ask the brethren

"I would give all I own to recall what I did thirty years ago.
"Stop where you are, and pray God if perchance the thought of your heart

nay be forgiven you."

This decided reply put an end to the often great power in the little word 'no;" but sometimes it requires not a little courage to speak it so resolutely as did the silent deacon. - Christian Messenger.

Yield of the Precious Metals. According to the figures of Mr. Valentine, the general superintendent of Wells, Fargo & Co., the total gold and silver production of the United States for the past year was \$80,889,037. Mr. Valentine estimates the total yield for 1876 at \$90,000,000, of which, he says, \$50,000,000 will doubtless come from Nevada. The States, and Territories, in which the yield fell off last year were California, Idaho, Utah and Washington -the States, Territories and foreign na-Colorado, Mexico, Oregon, British Cofalling off in California is attributed to the lack of water, resulting from a mild winter. To supply water enough the Sierras must be piled high with snow. In the winter of 1874-5 very little fell. at \$14,842,010 in gold dust and bullion forwarded by express, and \$1,484,201 by other conveyances, making a grand total of \$16,326,211. Of this sum at least seven millions were absorbed by the general government in customs, and sent East, and at least eight millions by the railroad to pay interest on its bonds and dividends on its stock. The total yield of Nevada is set down at \$40,478,369, and the Virginia City Enterprise thus comments upon the fact: Nevada is a State containing only about forty thousand inhabitants, but, by the above showing, she is evidently entitled to some consideration at the hands of her sister States, he Territories; and the world at large. It is no small thing to yield more of the recious metals than all the rest of the nion, with British Columbia and the lexican coast thrown in. This yield as been attained, notwithstanding the ire which swept over Virginia and shut up the Ophir and the bonanza mines rom the twenty-sixth day of October till almost the present time. The yield of Nevada for 1875 is about twentyive per cent. above that for 1874, and more than that in excess of any previous year. Those who are best posted will gree with Mr. Valentine that Nevada vill produce \$50,000,000 next year. In fact, there is ore sufficient in sight in half a dozen mines to multiply that mount ten times over. The yield is,

the mines for reduction. And still the levelopments are increasing day by day.

owever, limited to the capacity of the

nills for reduction rather than that of

Illustrating the presence of mind of a lady member of a certain English so we hunted him like a deer, till, worn opera troupe, who was rudely aroused the Gardner House, Chicago, when the my oldest son with me, set out on a ling which she had supposed to be miss-

Singular Surnames. In an old work on "English Surnames and Patronymics," I find the following. They are names taken from a jury list in Sussex county, in 1658, the eeeded his father as protector: "Faint-not Hewett: Accepted Trevor: Redeemed Compton; Make-Peace Hea-God-Reward Smart; Stand-fastou-high Stinger; Earth Adams; Called Lower; Meek Brewer; Be-courteous Cole: Repentance Avis: Search-the-Scriptures Moreton; Kill-sin Pimple; Return Spelman; Be-faithful Joiner Fly-debate Roberts; Fight-the-goodfight-of-faith White; More-fruit Fowler; Hope-for Bending; Graceful Harding Weep not Billing; Seek-wisdom Wood; Elected Mitchell; The-peace-of-God Knight."

CRUELTY TO FLEAS.

--- A Signor that Puts the Frisky Bloodsuckers to Hard Labor. Mr. Henry Bergh and his associates in to animals have a somewhat knotty case mine annointed, and do my prophets no citizen called at Mr. Bergh's office and cruel conduct towards insects. The insects were fleas, and the manner in which they were treated was described as being atrocious in the extreme. Mr. Bergh's assistant said that it was hard to determine whether the society had jurisas to take anything from those who caused it. He had left us all with his covenant God, and He will covenant God, and He will covenant God, and He will covenant God. compassion as exemplified in the Scriptures was meant as much for the benefit

> place, where fleas are, according to Mr. Bergh's assistant, subjected to painful hundred times the weight of the insect,"

bodies, and were tied to seats. "Do you see that lady flea flirting with a gentleman insect?" said the cx-hibitor. The spectators looked closely and saw two fleas descend in miniature costumes made of tissue paper, pinned to little chairs. The little insects were kicking frantically with all their legs. This kicking the exhibitor was pleased to call "flirting." It was evidently painful flirting, and more amusing to the spectators than to the insects. Next there was shown a miniature carriage, drawn by two fleas, the occupants and coachman being fleas, dressed with parasols, whip, etc. The coachman was wired to his seat, the wire being passed —the States, Territories and foreign nations, where it increased, were Nevada, was fastened to one of his fore legs, and his struggles waved the whip about in were treated in the same cruel manner as the insect that drew the street car. Two "merry-go-rounds" and a Dutch windmill were each set in motion by a flea. The insect in each case was tened to a stationary post in such a manner that his legs could reach the circumference of a little wheel. The flea's endeavors to crawl up the wheel caused it to revolve. A flea was tied on the back of another flea with a little piece of silken thread. The insect, which represented a horse with a rider, crawled painfully with its burden, and thus was called Sancho Panza riding a well

caprisoned steed. 'Ah! here is a wise old flea who will tell your fortune," exclaimed the exhibitor, as he pinned a flea to a revolving wheel, on which were painted mystic letters and figures. The agonized struggles of the flea turned the wheel. Whenever the flea ceased to struggle from sheer exhaustion, a little index pointed to some letter or figure, and thus fortunes of the spectators were told. "Do you want your fortune told?" inquired the signor of the re-'You may go ahead," said the porter. reporter, The signor spurred the little insect with a pin and the flea began to struggle, turning the wheel. "Shall I be long lived?" inquired the reporter.

" Now," said the exhibitor, "two insects will decide a matter of honor-in fact, fight a duel with steel swords.' Two insects were tied near each other, and to a leg of each flea was fastened a miniature sword, which the flea flourished about in a frantic manner. An insect was fastened to a miniature rope and drew a bucket from a well. There were other features to the programme, all of which were accomplished on the single and utilizing its struggles to escape.

many days' ill treatment. Said Mr. from her slumbers the other night in Bergh's assistant: "The most singular thing is that fashionable ladies who hotel was in danger of destruction. would faint at the sight of a disabled in among us by His Spirit, to show that he had blessed the labors of his dear reor suffering horse, or who would weep at jected servant. Our own hearts were most valuable and comfortable article of broken and our wayward children con- apparel at hand. Then she started to witness the cruel torture of a flea. Still verted; and I resolved at a convenient tut on her stockings, but missing one of the disgusting show." Mr. Bergh's assistconfess my sin, and thank him for his half finished. Drawing on her slippers, ant, warming up with the subject, conshe fled into the hall and down to the tinued: "We will put a stop to this lower floor, where she waited with the sort of thing if it is in our power to do numerous other shivering females until so. Of course all the newspapers and can and does. Thou art the thrall, not night teach me a lesson that every child the fire was quenched, when she returned the whole community will ridicule us, of Cedric the Saxon, but of thy own might teach me a lesson that every child of His ought to learn—that He who to her apartment, her foot that had no toucheth one of His little ones toucheth to her astonishment she discovered notice a sparrow does not fall, cares "liberty," thou entire blockhead. to her astonishment she discovered notice a sparrow does not fall, cares while leisurely disrobing that the stocked and the sparrow does not fall, cares while leisurely disrobing that the stocked and why should not our society be an instrument to protect from suffering fleas?" The charter of Mr. Bergh's society does not mention insects, but the law constituting its authority says the "object shall be to punish all persons who are guilty of

Mr. Moody and the Jews. The Jewish papers, the Times and Messenger, are after Mr. Moody, the evangelist, for his statement "that there was recently a meeting of a thousand Jews at Paris, whereat the boast was uttered that the Jews had killed the Christians' God, and this sentiment was ap-The Messenger says that there has

been no meeting of a thousand Jews since 1858, and the Times adds: If an illiterate hod carrier calls the Jews 'Christ-killers," he is to be pitied and

of the little flea as of the biggest ele-The reporter visited the exhibitor's

educator of fleas and says that his fleas perform tricks and feats which he has taught them; but in reality there seemt all, the so-called intelligent and volunless than before, and have supported my pastor, even if he is not a very extraordinary man. My tongue shall cleave to the roof of my mouth, and my fleas. He is a venerable, philosophical fleas. He is a venerable, philosophical that no resource but outing was left looking man, with a high, wide forehead to them. Little credit, however, was right hand forget her cunning, before I looking man, with a high, wide forehead dare to put asunder what God has joined together. When a minister's work is which draws a miniature car twelve said he, as he placed a little vehicle on the table. Attached to the vehicle was moreover, if I hear another word of this a flea. A delicate pincers made of fine wire was fastened to the insect's body. to deal with you as with one who causes | The insect, in its agony, struggled, and its efforts to escape dragged after it the which a lady and a gentleman flea were supposed to dance a polka. The insects were fastened together with a fine wire passed through their bodies, and in their agonized struggles to escape, made newcomer's efforts to get a minister who could make more of a stir. There is the imagination, might be thought to capable of murder and robbery a sailor in the Atlantic trade may be, he is perresemble waltzing. Twelve fleas, supposed to be musicians, had miniature musical instruments fastened to their

The wheel stopped at a figure or letter which meant "Yes."

Under the treatment the insects live which people proverbially possess at but a short time. The signor claims time of fire, the case may be mentioned that they survive eight months, but it is the opinion that the fleasseldom survive cruelty to animate beings." A flea is cities.....1,404,864 certainly a very animate being, and what it lacks in size it makes up in activity. it lacks in size it makes up in activity.

forgiven, for he knows no better. But Their faces are more oval-shaped than the Dragon. Somebody wished to send for a man in the position of Moody to the males and less stern of expression. off two chests, one by each of the two say the same thing to a meeting of ten They wear their coal-black hair in two vessels. When the chests were shipped thousand excitable people, and to repeat it a dezen times in one breath, with all their heads. Their eyes are large, ship stood already near the powder I will do it. I haven't \$100 by me, but

THE AMERICAN SAILOR.

The Story of the Schooner Jefferson Borden The New York Times has the following interesting article on sailors and

their treatment, naming the case of the Jefferson Borden as an example : Jefferson Borden, which recently put into Aberdeen in distress after a voyage of sixty-seven days in crossing the Atlantic, have signed a statement that they were cruelly treated by the captain; that they were not supplied with sufficient them, and that in their opinion the mutiny which made the name of the Jefferson Borden notorious was caused by the brutal conduct of her captain. It is not many months since this same schooner arrived at an English port with several terribly wounded sailors, who were immediately thrown into prison to be tried for mutiny and murder. The

captain asserted that without any cause they had mutinied and killed his subordinate officers, and that he had driven them with his revolver into the house on deck, where he penned them up and shot at them through the window until they were willing to surrender. The mutineers admitted that they had killed the mates and had intended to kill the captain, but asserted that they had been treated with such outrageous cruelty given to their story, and public opinion decided that they were bloodthirsty wretches, who deserved the severest

punishment the law could inflict. Now that the captain of the Jefferson Borden is again charged with brutality toward his sailors, it is possible that there may be a change of opinion as to the nature of the original mutiny. It is, unfortunately, true that the sailors who are sold by American shipping masters to American captains are far more degraded and brutalized than were the most wretched of the slaves in the Louisiana sugar fields. But however in the Atlantic trade may be, he is perfectly aware that unsuccessful mutiny means death from the captain's revolver, and that a successful mutiny means death on the gallows if he succeeds in reaching an American or a European port. He therefore submits to almost any degree of cruelty rather than resort to the hopeless remedy of mutiny, and it is this certainty that the sailor will not

strike back which encourages brutal captains to oppress and maltreat their men. When the crew of the Jefferson Borden mutinied, they knew that if they succeeded in capturing the vessel, they would have to bring her into port, or else to scuttle her and land in the small boat. In either case their arrest would immediately follow, and their punishment would be nearly inevitable. It takes an enormous amount of ill-treatment to inspire the sodden, spiritless wretches of the forecastle with sufficient recklessness to risk a battle with wellof the gallows, and that the crew of the Jefferson Borden ran this risk can hardly be explained except on the supposition that their treatment had been exceptionally cruel. The fact that another

crew has made complaints closely resem

bling those made by the mutineers

against the same captain ought to lead

to a searching investigation into the man's method of managing sailors.

In former years philanthropic people occasionally made efforts to improve the condition of our sailors. We do not hear much of such efforts at the present day, since it seems to have been quietly assumed that the American sailor has vanished with the decline of American commerce. On the contrary, he has only sunk a little lower, with the decline of the demand for his services. It is not probable that the present race of sailors can be materially improved, but we certainly ought to find out some way by which to induce honest, sober, and intelligent young men to enter the merchant service. Meanwhile, because sailors are as a class more ignorant and degraded than landsmen can well imagine them to be, it does not follow that they are to be treated like brutes. To permit a captain to drive men into mu-

tiny, and then hang them for their goes unpunished, is the surest way to keep a'l men out of the service who have not utterly lost all manhood and all Thoughts for Saturday Night. Immodest words admit of no defense. Next to faith in God is faith in labor. While we are reasoning concerning

All men would be masters of others and no man is lord of himself. He enjoys much who is thankful for little. A grateful mind is a great mind. A guilty conscience is like a whirlpool, drawing in all to itself which

Whoever appears to have much cuning has in reality very little; being deicient in the essential article, which is, to hide cunning. It is hard to say which of the two we

ought most to lament—the unhappy man who sinks under the sense of dishonor, or him who survives it. No man oppresses thee, O free and independent franchiser! But does not this stupid porter pot oppress thee? No son of Adam can bid thee come or go; but this absurd pot of heavy wet-this

The following comparisons of the population of the State of New York are

made from the official figures: Voters in 269,354 Voters in towns..... 564,130 Native voters in cities.... 117,787 223,239 Native voters 488,824 voters in cities..... Naturalized towns..... 98,306 126,767

visitors to the agencies in that region.

Seeking a Teacher for Linda-

She was at one of the union schoolhouses half an hour before school opened, says the Detroit Free Press. She had "Linda" with her. She was a tall woman, forty years old, with a jaw show-ing great determination, and "Linda" was sixteen, and rather shy and pretty good looking. The mother said she hadn't been in the city long, and that it was her duty to get Linda into school and see that she was properly educated. When the teacher came the mother boldly inquired:

You know enough to teach, "I think I do," replied the teacher, blushing deeply.
"And you feel competent to govern the scholars, do you?"
"Yes'm."

"Do you pound 'em with a ferrule, or lick 'em with a whip?" here," replied the embarrassed teacher. "That's better yet," continued the mother. "I know that if Linda should come home all pounded up I'd feel like killing some one. I suppose you are of respectable character, ain't you !" "Why—ahem — why "—stammered the teacher, growing white and then red.

"I expect you are," continued the roman. "It's well enough to know who our children are associating with. Now, then, do you allow the boys and for us to pay up our store bills, doctor's girls to sit together?" "That's right. They never used to

when I was young, and I don't think Linda is any better than I am. Another thing. Do you allow any winking?" "Any what?" exclaimed the puzzled girl !" asked the woman.

"I was afraid you did. Linda is as shy as a bird, and if she should come have a beau? "Why-why"-was the stammered

"I think you do!" resumed the woman, severely. "I know just how it works. When you should be explaining what an archipelago is you are think-ing of your Richard, and your mind is

way, way off!"
"But, madem" mind can't be on education.

Daring Ride.

The perilous adventures which the early pioneers encountered, and which even now our Western settlers are familiar with to some extent, are well only had his chance to study. illustrated in the following incident in the life of Miss Cooper, sister of a Missouri settler, recently descend This change to study.

Last fall I went to hear a great orator speak, and as I listened to his eloquent remarks I felt that I adventure occurred about the year 1815: Just at daybreak the settlement was alarmed by an attack of Indians, and it was only by the utmost bravery and daring that they were retained in check long enough to allow the families to rush inside the fort for safety. Once within

—for a time only.

On consultation it was decided that the whites could resist but a short time the attack of the Indians; and, in order to secure aid, a courier must be sent to opposite, and about ten miles from the lace in which they were surrounded. There were but few men, and it was too hazardous a trip to think of sending a woman. What to do they knew But delay was dangerous; every

the wall they held the savages at defiance

ment was fraught with peril, and had it not been for the heroism of Miss "Millie" Cooper, in all probability the would have all perished. She stepped calmly forward and bade them bring her a favorite horse belonging to the family, and with the tears and prayers of her imperiled friends, rode forth on her noble mission. As she dashed out of the inclosure the murderous Indians let fly crime, while the crime of the captain a shower of arrows, and with blood trickling down her horse's sides, she fairly flew from danger.

In a short time she arrived at the Kinof the pasha of Egypt's 176,000 shares in the Suez canal. He was diving with caid fort and related her story. Reeniorcements were sent out immediately, and before the dinner hour the rasally redskins were routed and the settlers saved. The noble bravery of the young girl won her a name that was not oon forgotten.

A Puzzle for the Boys and Girls.

A few days ago, says an exchange, the "fifteen young ladies problem" was printed in this column. It is as follows: In a school of fifteen girls a rule has been laid down that they shall walk out every day in each week in rows of threes, but that the same two girls shall never come together twice in the same row. The rule is supposed to have been carried out correctly during the six working days of the week, but when the time comes for their going to church together on Sunday it is found to be absolutely impossible to continue it any further. Can the rule have been carried out correctly during the six days? A correspondent writes that twenty

years ago he spent many hours over this problem, convinced that it must be caup." He propounded it to several persons and received two solutions of it, respondent believes there are many solutions to it, for the fifteen young ladies, tions of walking once daily for a week rande. in rows of three without any two persons walking together twice, may, by a system of weekly exchanges, arrange themselves so that the rows of three week for a long time. The solution sent

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bor of Wismar. The master-general of you the most difficult words to pro An Omaha letter describes the Indian the ordnance, Karl Gustav Wransel, was nounce. They are—I am wrong. squaws as exceedingly interesting to to make the passage to Sweden on board visitors to the agencies in that region. warrior, whose armor was falling from is limbs, he opened his languid eyes, and said: 'Brother Lee! Brother Lee! Brother Lee! Brother Lee! Brother Lee! Brother Lee! Brother Lee! I beat over him, and sobbed out. I was a note and incurable outrage. * * I twould be said and a mechanism in the shape opened, and a mechanism in the shape opened, and a mechanism in the shape of the cheats as from clock work is two of the cheats as from clock work. It was a note and I'll indores it, and the mongy from the bank, be said B, "make a note and I'll indores it, and the mongy from the bank, bloss are cut in the upper and lower parts of the ear. In these holes are cut in the upper and lower parts of the ear. In these holes are cut in the upper and lower parts of the ear. In these holes are cut in the upper and lower parts of the ear. In these holes are cut in the upper and lower parts of the ear. In these holes are cut in the upper and lower parts of the ear. In these holes are fastened large preass rings, to which are a fastened large preass rings, to which are a fastened large preass rings, to which are a fastened large preass rings to which are a fastened large to provide a suitable for the fast to which the interior of th

LIFE ON THE FARM.

A Boy's Letter with a Great Deal of Sense

To-day as I was going "to town and back again," I thought of an article I had read about the independence of a circular of the commercial agency of farmer's life, and tried to make up my mind that it was right, but did not succeed very well on the whole, You see, to begin with, we are poor, and I, the oldest boy of the family, am probably as green and awkward looking a young granger as you seldom meet. Yet I have (perhaps unfortunately for myself) some aspirations and ambitions as well town, turning out occasionally with the

oxen and wagon to let a team pass, and stopping frequently to readjust the cord-wood, which would perversely keep slipping about on the wagon, I am afraid I didn't realize very fully the blessed in-dependence of my situation. For a boy who longs to be going to school to be obliged to cut and haul wood to sell at such a price as will not pay him a dollar a day for his work (he boarding himself and team), is not very encouraging business. But what is to be done? The bugs killed the wheat, so that it was not more than half a crop; the frost fore-

closed on the corn; and though we had plenty of potatoes, we could get nothing for them, and it required close pinching is here, and there are a hundred little wants to be supplied. Tom and Steve have not got their winter boots yet, and mother, dear kind mother, has not yet received the shawl which I planned to get for her more than a year ago. So it has been, or measurably so, ever since I can remember.

Some people say that father is not very efficient. Perhaps they are right, but he is certainly much the superior of most of his neighbors intellectually, and home some night and tell me that she have been successful in something. I'd do. Now, another thing—do you don't know it may seem to others, but it seems to me that our life is a sort of drudgery, and that some people, for whom nature has done no more than it has for us, are enjoying more of the comforts of life, with far less labor and privation.

There is Charley Sharpe. I saw him to-day standing by the post-office smoking a cigar, and talking with Fanny Howard. She was asking him to come "Never mind any explanations," interrupted the woman. "I want Linda brought up to know joggerfy, figures, writing, and spellography, and if you've got a beau and are spooking to the theater one night, a candy-pull the next, a horse race the next, and so on, your mind can't be on advention. Come gether, two or three years ago. He is the young man who asked if Tennyson was a Boston man, and thought "The Woman in White" was the best one of Dickens' novels he had ever read! But he has attended the village academy a year since that, and is now reading law with Judge Sprague. He wears good clothes and shiny boots, for his father is

rich; but I wouldn't care for that if I the best part of a life in preparation, if it were possible to become such a power for good as he was. I shall never have the opportunity for very much mental improvement on a farm. It is all well enough to talk about educating one's self, and to point to the example of such men as Lincoln, Greeley, and Wilson. I doubt whether even they would have ever accomplished what they did if they had always lived on farms. I try to read had always lived on farms. I try to read and study some evenings; but I don't get started very early, and when one has been out in the cold all day, he does not sit reading in a warm room very long before the lines begin to mix up, and he hardly knows whether he is engaged in reading history or hauling sawlogs. It seems to me that it requires a wonderful amount of energy to overcome such

difficulties, and one cannot help observ-ing that a large majority of those who have risen to positions of eminence had good opportunities when they were Advice is about the cheapest thing in the world, and we are very often advised to "stick to the farm" by those who left it long ago for other pursuits, and would do the same thing again under like circumstances.

A Quick Bargain. There is an anecdote about the manner in which Mr. Disraeli made his purchase

Baron Rothschild in London on the twenty-fifth of November. While at the table a telegram arrived, which Rothschild opened by permission from his guest. He read it more than once, laid it down, and said: "The khedive has offered all his Suez canal shares to French firms in Paris, and they decline to pay what he asks. I suppose he has no chance in London, but I am desired to ascertain." Mr. Disraeli asked : "How many shares? What's the price?" As this was then not exactly known, Rothschild telegraphed back to Paris. The reply was: "About 176,000 shares, at £4,000,000 cash, and the khedive will pay five per cent. on the purchase money during the next nineteen years, after which the shares will be free." After a few moments' pause Disraeli said : "We can borrow four millions at three per cent., and gain two per cent. by the the sea-road to the East. I suppose (turning to Mr. Rothschild) that you can let us have the money?" The answer was in the affirmative. Then Disraeli was in the affirmative. pable of solution, but had to "give it said: "Telegraph back that England buys, subject to the approval by Parlia men, which will not be withheld, I am one of which is given below. Our cor- sure, and add that the money can be paid over by you when received. So, the report runs, the purchase of the khedive's Suez canal shares was rapidly

Hard to Pronounce.

Many years since, a minister, in his travels, put up for the night with a man snail be composed of different combinations of individuals each succeeding week for a long time. The solution can Just as he was about to retire for rest, the man said to the minister: "Tell me, sir, what three words in the English language it is most difficult "I don't know that I can," was the

reply. "Well," said the man, "I will give you till morning to answer me." The minister thought no more of the question till it was proposed to him A Prussian journal has received the again in the morning, when he said he following communication: In the spring of 1645 the Swedish fleet lay in the har-"Then," said the man, "I will tell

A Lesson in Arithmetic.

A applied to B for a loan of \$100. B replied: "My dear A, nothing would

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK. What a Leading Mercantile Agency has to

A review of the general condition and Dun, Barlow & Co., which we hope will be of interest to our readers, containing as the old lady said when she sprinkled

practical suggestions: No general expression will entirely photograph the condition of business at the close of the year. While depression, lack of profit, and want of confidence prevail in many quarters, espe-cially in the Eastern section of the counthere has been considerable activity, a large absorption of goods, and increased purchasing and debt-paying power in the West and portions of the South. The amount of money realized by producers since the first of August in all these latter sections, for cotton, tobacco, grain and pork, etc., is estimated at over \$250,000,000—a sum equivalent to two-thirds of the entire issues of all the national banks of the country. The circulation of so large an amount of currency in these locations has rendered

fairly active the jobbing and retail trades in many quarters. Stocks of merchandise have thus been moved, and manufacturers of staples have been kept partially, if not fully, employed. This favorable feature in the general retrospect is undoubted, and is likely to be Mayor Fulton, of Galveston, Texas still further sugmented, for, though the deliveries of agricultural products have been liberal, yet there remains to be realized fully two-thirds of the wealth garnered during the summer and autumn. Aside, however, from the sectional improvement thus noticed, the general results of the year have not been satisfactory. The number of those actively en-

gaged in trade who have added to their surplus are exceptionally few; those who have held their own are not numerous, combined would have to admit a shrinkage, if their assets were valued at re-alizable figures. There is, however, one consideration which has been very apparent in the year just closed, and from which some comfort may be derived namely, that the active surplus or capital employed in the mercantile trade of the country has been shown to be in larger proportion to the extent of business done, and to the amount of existing vious history, and is, we believe, in excess of that of any other country in the the Yosemite valley is becoming as unworld having a proportionate extent of internal trade. That this is the case is bearable as Niagara, on account of the made obvious by the absence of anything like general disaster among the traders in numerous branches, notwith-

standing they have suffered intensely for so long a time from the depression and nertia of the period. It is true that the failures of the year are numerous, important, and, in been confined to no distinctive trades; they bear a very small proportion to the number in each branch of business; and above all, in many cases some circum- bored: ture from legitimate business principles, which would result, soor or or later, in ruin, even in the best of t mes. Failures yes, I can do that." "Then you've got resulting from individual indiscretions in business, and fraudulent attempts to make morey by compromising when legi-timate business is dull, should not be regarded as indications of a want of capital in trade generally, nor a lack of ability to stand the pressure of the times, long continued and severe though the strain may be. Indeed, considering all the circumstances of the past two years, and all that has occurred to depress values, destroy confidence, and generally to embarrass business operations, the failures in many leading been astonishingly few, indicating previous accumulations of capital, limited internal indebtedness, and a sounder condition of things generally than it was supposed could exist after all the waste of war, excessive taxation, a vastly increased currency, and the necessary expansion which followed. So that, hough the year has resulted very rarely n profit, and much more frequently in oss, there is much in its history to encourage confidence in the ability of the rank and file of the commercial com-

munity to await for better times. There seems no nearer approach to a solution of the difficulties under which trade is suffering than at this time last year. The pressure of the period, instead of being relieved, appears to be augmented. The inspiriting national event of the centennial year will, it is believed, for a time infuse considerable activity in some localities. A great influx of visitors from abroad, and the neimplied in the movement of, large numbers of our own population, can hardly fail to vitalize some drooping interests. This temporary impulse may be taken advantage of in the progress toward dollar. prosperity, but the hopes of a future ound business superstructure must rest on the basis of honest thrift and economy, less fixed and more floating capital, and a closer adjustment of values to a act, but declared that his object was to reduced cost of production. Prudence in extent of trade, reduction of living and business expenses, lessened indebtedness, and close scrutiny of credits, are the elements that will most help to restore confidence, and beget a return to a condition of business in which money can be made, the resources of the country developed, and success achieved.

The Lobbyist of the Season.

The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune says: We have a lady here this winter who bids fair to make more noise than any of her predecessors, so high does she fly her kites, and so certainly does she secure her victims. Indeed, she boasts that no job measure can be carried through Congress without her approval, for which she demands a handsome contingent royalty on the expected profits, in addition to a retainer supply the necessities of life. It is bein cash. Her influence has often secured the attendance of a member when explosion. his vote was sure and needed, and her fascinations have been exerted when it a moment the other day, and the train it was necessary that an opposition voter should be absent from the capitol. She is not handsome, but her steel gray eyes other hand returned by the next train fascinate like those of a snake, and her up, and they passed each other on the manners are bewitching. True, she is advancing in years, but n'importe, she trip leaving them at different ends of has genius, tact, a thorough contempt the route, until a peremptory telegram for the conventionalities of society, a kept the bride stationary until her husgood share of strong, practical common sense, and a keen perception of human

Manufacturing Statistics.

To illustrate State distribution of ones, the parents even cannot under-stand. All attempts to compel them to manufactures, the following are the statistics of the United States, the annual value of whose manufactured products exceeds \$50,000,000:

\$66,594,556

England now has spelling matches.

Food that goes a great way—American beef in London. A thestrical manager is not particular about making new acquaintances. It is easy to get into his family circle.

"Astonishing cure for consumption as it does some important facts and snuff on the victuals of her boarders. Anything Midas touched was turned to gold. In these days touch a man with gold and he'll turn into anything. There are six hundred and ninety-four cotton mills in the Northern States and one hundred and eighty-one in the

> The difference between a dandy and a ragged man is only a difference in degre one has his trousers tored, and the other has his trousers t'order.

Gov. Connor, of Maine, recommends that juries be authorized to pass sen-tence upon criminals in capital cases, which, he says, has been successful i

Monday morning snuffing and blowing his nose, explained to a friend that "she didn't have ady fire id the parlor Suddy "Sc you wouldn't take me to be twenty?" said a rich heiress to a gentleman, while dancing the polka. "What would you take me for, taen?" "For better or worse," replied the gentleman.

writes to Mayor Cobb, of Boston, that the latter city gave more money to aid the sufferers from the Texas floods than In cycles of 21,000 years the earth has alternate periods of unusual heat and cold, either of which is said by the scientists to superinduce on its surface

an entirely new and different set of An absurd performance was the recent experiment of a ball on skates with rollers, at Brighton, England. The movements of the skaters proved to be utterly incompatible with the musical requirements at a dance.

First Jolly Angler (with empty creel)

"Well, we've had a very pleasant
day. What a delightful pursuit it is!"
Second ditto (with ditto)—"Glorious!
I shan't forget that nibble we had just after lunch as long as I live!" Both-The California press complain that

murtitudinous toll bars and ticket officer elected wherever there is anything to be An Americanized citizen was called on as a witness in a case before one of the justices lately, and when the oath was administered he raised both hands and said: "I shall spoke noddings what ain't drew, if ever I hope to die so quick

as a minute.

Book agent to lawyer's clerk greatly bored: "Sir, you had better take that book; you'll find it a remarkably good investment, and "- "Can you change a a mighty sight more money than I have. A Kentucky journal, in contemplating

what 1876 will bring forth, breaks out

alliteratively, and remarks that "wo

have entered upon a year of patriotic prodigiously penetrating and perspica The United States pension detective from Washington has been making a tour of the State of Michigan and many pensioners have been struck from the ist. He found one woman drawing a

pension for her child who is now a young

man of mature years, and is earning

salary of \$1,800 per year. The Wisconsin State grange has matured measures to prevent the repeal or essential modification of the Potter law. and adopted resolutions calling for a law to limit banks to six per cent. interest, and for a repeal of the act increasing the rate of postage on transient printe matter, seeds, merchandize, etc.

There are now eight pin factories in 000 pins daily. In addition to these the importations of pins reach 25,000,009 daily. As these are all easily sold, it is safe to say that 72,000,000 of pins aro lost daily, or 50,000 every minute. Where they all go to is the wonder. Tight times are not confined to this sublunary sphere. The other night there was a tremendous ring about the

moon. It was a fair, square promise of a severe storm, and everybody prepared for it; but after several days of vacillating policy, the matter was finally compromised at about thirty cents on the The royal society for the prevention of cruelty to animals lately charged a man named Myatt with cruelty to a dog,

prevent the puppy from having the "staggers," and the case was dismissed on the ground that his object was to benefit the animal. An editor gives the following picture of the local editor, for the benefit of young persons aspiring to that position:
"Here is the face of the reporter. See bow jolly he looks; he has just heard that a man has cut his own throat, and is going for the item. Should you like to be a reporter and get licked on dark nights, and see dead persons, and climb up four pair of stairs?

Something like a complete realization of the horrors of the tragedy at Bremerhaven may be obtained from the fact that as a result of the explosion the poor law commissioners of Bremen have now upon their hands fifty-six widows, one hundred and thirty-five orphans and twenty maimed men to whom they must A bridegroom stepped off the cars for

band reached her. There is living in Wilkesbarre, Fa., an American family blessed with three children speaking some kind of gibberish peculiarly their own, and which, al-though well understood by the little

converse in plain English having failed, the parents, as a last resort, have been compelled to separate the children in order to break up what might otherwise become an incurable practice.